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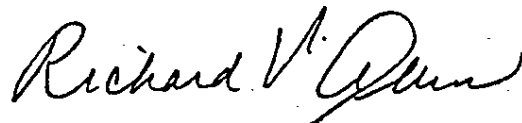
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE COUNSELLOR TO THE PRESIDENT
THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
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THE DIRECTOR, ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT
AGENCY

SUBJECT: Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces

The President has formally approved the implementation of the attached National Security Decision Directive on Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces negotiations scheduled to begin on November 30, 1981.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:



Richard V. Allen
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

Attachment

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Review November 19, 1987

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November 16, 1981

NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION
DIRECTIVE NUMBER 15

THEATER NUCLEAR FORCES
(Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces)

On the recommendation of the National Security Council, which met on November 12, 1981, I have made the following decisions regarding the U.S. position for the first round of the negotiations on Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) scheduled to begin on November 30, 1981.

- We will propose an agreement on intermediate-range land-based systems that would remove and dismantle the Soviet Union's SS-20 and retire SS-4 and SS-5 systems in return for no deployment of the U.S. Pershing II and GLCMs.
- We will also indicate that we are prepared to seek subsequent limits with significant reductions for other nuclear weapons systems.
- We will negotiate in good faith to achieve global, equal and verifiable levels of weapons.
- The Interagency Group will ensure that the negotiating instructions, including enumeration of objectives and principles, are fully congruent with the President's decisions as expressed in this National Security Decision Directive.

Ronald Reagan

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Review on November 12, 2001
Extended by R. V. Allen
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